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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examining the above referenced file, the Examiner is requested to enter the amendment contained herein.

**In the claims:**

Please cancel claim 22 without prejudice and add claim 23 as follows:

- 23. The system of claim 21, wherein the one or more programs are further adapted to:
- generate a random number for at least one of the relief header inputs;
  - use the random number to categorize which protection system is predicted to fail;

- c. calculate a variety of predicted relief loads for the relief header inputs based on the categorization of the predicted failure; and
- d. automatically repeat the generation of a random number and categorization for a predetermined number of simulations.--

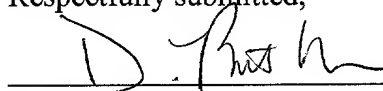
### REMARKS

Claims 1-21, 23 are currently pending. The above change is for formalities and typographical reasons and is unrelated to any issues of patentability. The Examiner is requested to examine the case on the basis of these claims and is invited to telephone the undersigned regarding any questions.

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